

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject patent application are respectfully requested.

As required, the title of the application has been changed to SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1, 3-15, 51-55, 58, 59, 62 and 63 are allowed. While not acquiescing in the rejection of claims 56, 57, 60 and 61 because Applicants believe the subject matter of these claims complies with the description of Section 112, first paragraph, these claims have nonetheless been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to advance prosecution and place this application in condition for allowance.

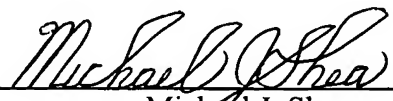
The withdrawn claims have also been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application (s) directed to the subject matter of these now-canceled withdrawn claims.

The pending claims are believed to be allowable and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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